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**Washington, DC** – Tonight, the Congressional Hunger Center honored Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) for her leadership in Congress on domestic and international hunger issues. Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) and Congressman James P. McGovern (D-MA) – bipartisan co-chairs of the Congressional Hunger Center – presented Congresswoman McCollum with the award.

"All human, social, economic, and political development is built on a foundation of food security," said Congresswoman McCollum. "Whether in my home state of Minnesota or Washington, DC, in Guatemala or Ethiopia – access to nutritious food – is the most basic and fundamental element contributing to the success of a child, a family, a community, and the successful development of a country."

Throughout her time in Congress, Congresswoman McCollum has made ending domestic and international hunger a priority. She has strongly supported foreign assistance; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); food stamp; and other nutrition safety net programs. Most notably, Congresswoman McCollum introduced the Global Food Security Act , which address widespread hunger and poverty.

"For families in America and everywhere else in this world where children are too hungry to sleep, to learn, or to grow – food security must be our goal," concluded Congresswoman McCollum.

The Congressional Hunger Center is a nonprofit that works to fight hunger. Advocates include Members of Congress and Capitol Hill staff who focus on hunger and poverty. The Congressional Hunger Center also works with hundreds organizations fighting hunger throughout the United States and overseas.

*Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.*

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